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MINUTES.

The California Annual Conference commenced its sixth session in the Seventh Street Church, Sacramento, at 8 o'clock, A. M., September 16th, A. D., 1858.

Bishop L. Scott, D. D., presiding.

The opening exercises, consisting of reading the 147th Psalm, and the 4th chapter of 2d Corinthians; singing hymn 218, and prayer, were conducted by the President.

The roll was called by J. B. Hill, when it was found that a large majority of the members were present.

John B. Hill was elected Secretary, by ballot, and William S. Urmy, Assistant Secretary, by a hand vote.

The transfer of Jesse T. Peck, from the N. York Conference was read, and he was introduced.

The hours of the session, and the bar of conference, were determined.

The following Committees were ordered, viz: Sabbath Observance; Publication of Minutes; Book Agents Accounts; Post Offices; Bible Cause; Pastoral Address; Stewards; Education; Missions; Sunday Schools; Tract Cause; Temperance; and the Presiding Elders were constituted a committee to nominate.—[*See Committees.*]

A Committee on Memoirs and one on Finance, was ordered, to be appointed by the Chair.

A Committee on Public Worship, was also ordered, and appointed.

Rev. J. W. Gober, of the M. E. C. South, was introduced to the Conference.

The annual report of the Book Committees, and exhibit of the Book Concerns, at New York, and at Cincinnatti, were read, together with a circular of the S. S. Union of the M. E. C., and a circular on National Magazine.

The circular on National Magazine was referred to a committee of two, appointed by the Chair.

The Bishop stated that the Conference was authorized to draw on the chartered fund for $20, and a draft was ordered.

A committee of three was ordered to be appointed by the Chair, to devise a plan for raising funds for necessitous cases.

The Bishop called attention to the rules respecting conduct during Conference, and earnestly remarked upon them.

The certificates of location of Henry C. Benson and Justus M. Hinman were read, and they were re-admitted.

Under the "Second Question," the following brethren were called: Thomas Cayton, John Dickinson, W. N. Smith, John McKelvey, Chas. D. Cushman, Benj. F. Meyers, Jas. H. Maddux; and they were continued on trial.

Leonard C. Clark was called, and, at his request, was discontinued.

The Committee on Publication of Minutes, was, on motion of G. S. Phillips, instructed to publish an abstract of the Conference proceedings.

A Committee on C. C. Advocate was ordered.

The "Seventh Question" was called, and the following brethren were continued Supernumeraries: Chas. Maclay, R. McElroy, P. Y. Cool; and the relation of James Hunter was changed to effective.

Closed with singing, and prayer by J. Daniel.

Second Day.

Conference was opened at 8 A. M., with religious exercises, conducted by W. S. Turner.

After the calling of the roll, it was ordered that its further calling be dispensed with.

The committees ordered to be appointed by the Chair were announced. [*See Committees.*]

The relation of John Daniel, and Wm. Morrow, was changed from Superannuated to Effective.

The "Fourth Question" was taken up, and the following brethren were called, and their characters passed: Wm. Gaffney, R. W. Williamson, A. Higbie, J. H. Miller, C. H. Northup. E. Aylworth was located, at his own request.

Chas. A. E. Hertel, transfer from the N. Y. Conference, was introduced.

Under the "Fifth Question," the following brethren were called: W. S. Urmy, J. J. Cleaveland, G. H. Bollinger, P. Y. Cool, W. S. Turner; and the first two were elected to Elder's orders.

"Third Question" taken up. The following brethren were called: H. Van Gundy, C. Anderson, J. W. Burton, C. N. Hinckley, H. Baker; and the last two were admitted, and elected to Deacon's orders.

The list of effective Elders was taken up, and the following brethren were called, and their characters passed: M. C. Briggs,

E. Bannister, J. B. Hill, Wm. Taylor, G. S. Phillips, R. B. Stratton, I. Owen, J. Corwin, Wm. Willmott, A. L. S. Bateman, E. Thomas, A. S. Gibbons, J. Rogers.

E. Merchant has entered into rest.

Rev. Mr. Smith, a Missionary from the Sandwich Islands, and Rev. Mr. Benton, of Sacramento, were introduced.

Meeting closed with singing, and benediction by Dr. Peck.

Third Day.

Conference met at 8. Devotional exercises were conducted by J. T. Peck.

Minutes read and approved.

The list of effective Elders was resumed, and the following brethren were called, and their characters passed: J. W. Brier, J. D. Blain, J. W. Ross, D. Deal, N. R. Peck, J. McH. Caldwell, H. J. Bland, P. G. Buchanan, R. R. Dunlap, A. Bland, J. A. Bruner, J. R. Tansey, I. B. Fish, D. A. Dryden, H. B. Sheldon, Wm. Hulburt, S. D. Simonds, N. Reasoner, E. A. Hazen. Jos. Pettit, A. Kellner, C. Dierking.

Rev. Mr. Buel, agent of the Am. Bible Society, was introduced to the Conference, and presented the claims of that society.

"Fifth Question" resumed. G. H. Bollinger was elected to Elder's orders.

E. Thomas presented a report of the Trustees of the U. of the P., which was referred to the Committee on Education.

The following brethren, Local preachers, were elected to Deacon's orders: Geo. W. Heath, J. C. Newton, Jas. Bishop.

The following brethren, Local Deacons, were elected to Elder's orders: J. K. Walker, Asa White, R. A. Laird.

"Second Question" taken up. The following brethren were continued on trial: W. G. Deal, Wm. Curry, R. Hobart, J. Speck.

"First Question" taken up. The following brethren were admitted on trial: W. B. May, R. Kellen, Asa White, G. W. Heath, W. Nims, S. Fairfield.

Conference closed by singing, and the benediction.

Fourth Day.

The Conference was opened with religious services, conducted by H. C. Benson.

Minutes read, and approved.

A resolution providing for a committee on Lay delegation, was presented by G. S. Phillips, and adopted.

The financial exhibit of the C. C. Advocate was read and referred to the committee on C. C. Advocate.—[*See Committees.*]

The Chair announced the committee on Lay delegation.

"First Question" resumed. John W. Ricks and Philetus Grove were admitted on trial. Also, W. F. Nelson, G. A. Pierce, and Joel Burnel.

The committees appointed to visit the Alameda Collegiate Institute, and the University of the Pacific, presented their reports, which were referred to the Committee on Education.

John Sharp, Local Deacon, was elected to Elder's orders.

The Conference chose Petaluma as the place of holding the next session, and the Bishop announced the 15th of September, as the time of its commencement.

A resolution, signed by J. W. Ross, and others, referring to the classes of persons to be provided for during Conference session, was adopted.—[*See Resolution* 1.]

J. Dickinson was discontinued, at his own request.

H. C. Benson presented resolutions relating to the examination of Local Preachers, previous to ordination, which were adopted. [*See Resolution* 2.]

W. S. Urmy presented a resolution relating to the use of text books in examination, which was adopted.—[*See Resolution* 3.]

The Committee on Finance reported, and the report was laid on the table.

A committee was ordered to obtain funds to publish the minutes.

On motion, the Conference adjourned.

Fifth Day.

Conference opened at 8, with devotional exercises conducted by E. Thomas.

Minutes read, and approved.

The Committee on Special Fund presented a report, which was ordered to be laid on the table till the second day of the next session; and to be printed in the C. C. Advocate, and in the minutes.—[*See Report* 1.]

John Maclay, a located minister of the Baltimore Conference, was re-admitted.

Resolutions signed by E. Thomas, A. Bland, and E. Bannister, expressive of a high appreciation of the labors of Bishop Scott, and of the interest manifested by the board of Bishops in our behalf; and of increasing attachment to the economy of Methodism, and of unity with the body of Episcopal Methodists, were presented, and unanimously adopted by a rising vote, and ordered published in the C. C. Advocate.—[*See Resolution* 4.]

E. Thomas presented the report of the Committee on National Magazine, which was adopted.—[*See Report* 2.]

The Committee on Book Accounts reported, in part, and various accounts presented, were properly referred.

S. B. Rooney's parchments were presented to the Conference.

J. T. Peck presented the report of the Committee on Education, which was adopted, and ordered published in the C. C. Advocate, and in the minutes.—[*See Report* 3.]

M. C. Briggs stated that three vacancies existed in the Board of Trustees of the U. of the P., and that it was the privilege of the Conference to present two names for each vacancy, from which the board should elect.

The Committee on Publication of Minutes was granted discretionary power, in the publication of documents.

H. C. Benson presented the report of the Committee on C. C. Advocate, which was adopted.—[*See Report* 4.]

Resolutions relating to correspondence of Dr. Dempster were read, and on motion of E. Thomas, were referred to a committee to be appointed by the chair.

The committee to present names of persons to fill vacancies in the board of trustees of the U. of the P. reported.

A motion prevailed requesting the Trustees to report, at the present session, the number of coupons received during the past year.

J. Daniels presented the report of the committee on Sunday Schools, which was adopted.—[*See Report* 5.]

D. A. Dryden presented the report of the committee on Temperance, which was referred back.

A resolution, signed by E. Thomas and M. C. Briggs, providing for a committee to correspond with the General Missionary Committee, was amended and adopted.—[*See Resolution* 5.]

I. Owen presented the Steward's Report, which was re-committed, with instructions.

The general tables of statistics were read for correction.

Conference adjourned to 7 P. M.

Closed with Doxology and Benediction.

Fifth Day—Evening Session.

Conference met at 7 P. M. Opened by G. S. Phillips.

S. S. Statistics were read for correction.

A resolution of thanks, signed by I. Owen and E. Thomas, was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.—[*See Resolution* 6.]

P. G. Buchanan presented the report of the Tract Committee, which was adopted.—[*See Report* 6.]

J. T. Peck offered a resolution relating to collections for the University, which was adopted.—[*See Resolution* 7.]

A motion prevailed ordering the appropriation of moneys in the hands of the Secretary.

E. Bannister presented the report of the committee on Sabbath

Observance, which was adopted and ordered published in the C. C. Advocate.—[*See Report* 7.]

The Presiding Elders of the Sacramento and Stockton Districts were appointed a committee to provide means to remove the body of E. Merchant, and, if possible, of Bro. Bennem, and to erect a monument over their graves.

The committee on Book Accounts reported a balance in favor of Bro. Merchant of $21 57, which was ordered to be paid to Sister Merchant.

E. Bannister presented a resolution relating to the taking of the disciplinary collections, which was adopted.—[*See Resolution* 8.]

A resolution, signed by J. W. Ross and others, relating to duplicate certificates, was adopted.—[*See Resolution* 9.]

S. D. Simonds presented the report of the committee on Missions, which was adopted.—[*See Report* 8.]

D. A. Dryden presented the report of the committee on Temperance, which was adopted and ordered to be published in the C. C. Advocate.—[*See Report* 9.]

D. A. Dryden presented the report of the committee on Correspondence of Dr. Dempster.—[*See Report* 10.]

A. Higbie presented the report of the committee on Bible Cause, which was adopted.—[*See Report* 11.]

The Steward's report was presented, and on motion of J. D. Blain, the reading of the statistics was dispensed with, and on motion the report was adopted.—[*See Statistics C.*]

The committee on Lay Delegation presented their report, which was adopted.—*See Report* 12.]

J. W. Brier offered a resolution on the use of tobacco, which was adopted.—[*See Resolution* 10.]

The committee on Pastoral Address was excused, on request.

The collection for Conference claimants was ordered to be placed in the hands of E. A. Hazen, to be conveyed to Mrs. Merchant.

E. Arnold (Superanuate) was called, and his character passed, and his relation was changed to Supernumerary.

The Chair announced Visiting committees; committee on C. C. Advocate; committees of Examination; and Minister to preach missionary sermon.—[*See Miscellaneous.*]

E. Thomas reported the number of coupons received by the Trustees during the past academic year as follows:

Female Department	50
Male "	73
Donated	125
	248

A motion prevailed that the annual missionary sermon be preached on Saturday afternoon.

Minutes were read and approved.

After singing, and prayer by Dr. Peck, the appointments were read by the Bishop.—[*See Appointments.*]

On motion, the Conference adjourned, *sine die.*

Closed by singing the Doxology, and Benediction by the President.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

QUESTION 1.—Who are admitted on trial?

John Maclay,* Henry C. Benson,* Justus M. Hinman,* Wm. B. May, Robert Kellen, Asa White, George W. Heath, Warren Nims, Samuel Fairfield, George W. Ricks, Philetus Grove, Wm. F. Nelson, Galen A. Pierce, Joel Burnell.——14.

QUESTION 2.—Who remain on trial?

Thomas Cayton, W. N. Smith, John McKelvey, Chas. D. Cushman, Benj. F. Meyers, James H. Maddux, Hiram Van Gundy, Colin Anderson, James W. Burton, Wm. G. Deal, Wm Curry, Randall Hobart, Jacob Speck.——13.

QUESTION 3.—Who are admitted into full connection?

Charles N. Hinckley, Henry Baker.

QUESTION 4.—Who are the Deacons?

A. Higbie, W. J. Maclay, W. Gaffney, R. W. Williamson, J. H. Miller, C. H. Northup, C. V. Anthony, E. Aylworth, Chas. N. Hinckley, Henry Baker——10.

N. B. The last two were ordained this year.

QUESTION 5.—Who have been elected and ordained Elders this year?

Wm. S. Urmy, J. J. Cleaveland, G. H. Bollinger.

QUESTION 6.—Who have located this year?

Edwin Aylworth.

QUESTION 7.—Who are the supernumeraries?

Charles Maclay, Robert McElroy, P. Y. Cool, E. Arnold.

QUESTION 8.—Who are the superanuated preachers?

None.

QUESTION 9.—Who have been expelled from the connection this year?

None.

QUESTION 10.—Who have withdrawn from the connection this year?

None.

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* Readmitted on certificate of location.

QUESTION 11.—Were all the preachers' characters examined this year?

This was strictly attended to by calling over their names before the Conference.

QUESTION 12.—Who have died this year?

Elijah Merchant.—[*See Report* 13.]

QUESTION 13.—What is the number of members and probationers?

Members.....2739
Probationers..... 888
Local Preachers..... 55.—[*See Statistics A.*]

QUESTION 14.—What amount is necessary for the supernumerary and superanuated preachers, and for the widows and orphans of preachers, and to make up the deficiencies of those who have not obtained their annual allowance on the circuits?

Deficiency of effective preachers..$10,434
Superanuated preachers, widows and orphans..... 100

$10,534.—[*See Statistics C.*]

QUESTION 15.—What has been collected on the foregoing accounts, and how has it been applied?

From collection for Conference claimants....$80 00
" Chartered Fund..... 20 00

$100 00

Paid to widow of E. Merchant.....$100 00

QUESTION 16.—What has been contributed for the support of missions; what for the S. S. Union; what for the publication and circulation of tracts; and what to aid the American Bible Society?

For Missions.....$1804 45
" S. S. Union..... 74 65
" Tracts..... 35 25
" Am. Bible Society..... 81 25.—[*See Statistics A.*]

QUESTION 17.—Where are the preachers stationed this year?

See list of appointments.

QUESTION 18.—Where and when shall our next Conference be held?

At Petaluma, September 15th A. D. 1859.

[A.]

STATISTICS OF MEMBERS, PROBATIONERS, &c. &c.

*CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Numbers.				Baptisms.		Church Property.				Benevolent Contributions.				
	Members.	Deaths.	Probationers.	Local Preachers	Adults.	Children.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	For Conference Claimants.	For Missionary Society.	For Tract Society.	For Bible Society.	For Sunday School Union.
SAN FRANCISCO DISTRICT.															
Powell St. S. F.	136	1	25	..	4	10	1	$10,000	1	$2,000	$ 5.00	$ 74.50	.....	$5.00	$ 5.00
Folsom St. S. F.	62	1	10	1	...	10	1	7,000	1	250	1.00	36.00	.....	.....	.....
Bethel, ...	33	1	4	..	...	8	1	3,500	..	.....	1.00	2.00	1.00	10.00	2.00
San Jose.....	100	..	51	1	28	30	1	4,000	1	1,000	3.00	20.00	5 00	.....	5.65
Santa Clara.....	186	..	14	2	...	3	1	1,500	1	900	2.00	175.00	.....	3.00	.....
Santa Clara Cir't	67	..	5	1	2	3	1	800	..	.....	13.00	9.60	3.75	.....	5.00
Santa Cruz.....	83	..	16	1	...	...	2	1,500	1	1,000	2.00	.....	.....	3.25	.....
Centerville.....	20	..	....	..	...	...	..	.....	1	400	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Alameda.....	28	..	2	..	...	6	1	4,000	1	300	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Contra Costa....	75	..	39	..	2	2	2	2,000	..	.....	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Vallejo	12	..	2	1	...	2	1	2,000	..	.....	1.00	23.10	.....	.....	.....
Suisun	69	1	17	2	...	2	1	800	1	400	.....	14.00	.....	.....	.....
Petaluma.....	80	1	70	1	6	6	1	3,000	1	500	1.00	75.00	.....	.....	.....
Sonoma.....	30	..	2	1	2	3	2	6,000	1	200	1.00	7.50	.....	.....	.....
Honolulu.....		..	2	1	...	2	1	4,500	1	1,800	1.00	90.00	.....	.....	.....
San Barnerdino..	2	..	1	..	...	...	..	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Los Angelos.....	10	..	5	..	...	...	1	250	1	600	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Napa & Clear L..	145	1	45	1	10	12	2	1,200	..	.....	1.00	30.00	.....	.....	.....
Tomales	29	..	15	2	...	4	..	.....	..	.....	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Russian River...	136	1	18	4	6	17	..	.....	..	.....	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mission Dolores.	....	..	....	..	...	...	..	.....	..	.....	2.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
S. F. District....	....	..	....	..	...	...	..	.....	..	.....	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
TOTAL.....	1294	10	343	19	60	120	20	$52,050	12	$9,350	$42,00	$556.70	$ 9.75	$21,25	$17,65
SACRAMENTO DISTRICT															
Sac. 7th Sreett..	82	6	4	1	6	17	1	$ 3,000	1	$1,200	$ 1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sac. H Street....	23	..	8	..	1	1	1	2,500	1	1,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sac. Circuit.....	44	1	24	1	1	8	2	1,000	..	.....	1.00	$ 10,00	.....	.....	.....
Placerville,.....	110	3	80	1	20	6	1	2,000	1	1,500	1.03	50.00	.....	.....	$22.50
Colo. & George't	29	1	8	1	...	...	2	3,000	1	600	1.00	7.00	.....	.....	.....
Ione.....	86	..	17	3	1	3	2	3,500	2	1,000	1.00	40 50	.....	.....	.....
Volcano.....	20	..	8	..	...	...	2	2,500	1	400	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grizzly Flat.....	10	1	42	..	2	4	1	1,600	..	.....	2.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mok. Hill & A. C.	25	..	2	1	...	...	2	500	2	1,000	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Columbia.....	44	1	4	1	2	5	2	5,000	1	1,500	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sonora.....	39	1	8	3	2	1	2	6,000	1	1,000	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mariposa	13	..	3	1	...	2	1	1,000	..	.....	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tulare.....	....	..	....	..	...	...	..	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
C. C. & K. Ferry	22	2	9	1	...	7	..	.....	1	250	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Stockton.....	62	1	22	2	13	2	1	4,000	1	2,000	1.00	17.00	.....	.....	.....
Calaveras.....	29	1	110	1	5	...	..	.....	..	.....	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cosumnes.....	25	..	....	..	...	...	..	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Putah	6	..	40	..	...	...	..	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
TOTAL.....	669	18	389	17	53	56	20	$35,600	13	11,950	$15,00	124,50			$22,50
Mt. SHASTA DISTRICT.															
Shasta.....	23	1	....	1	...	...	1	$ 500	1	$ 350	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Weaverville.....	17	..	2	1	...	3	..	.....	1	400	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Yreka	40	1	6	..	5	7	1	4,500	1	1,200	.....	$20.30	.....	.....	.....
Scott Valley	21	..	12	1	6	5	1	500	1	400	.....	97.25	.....	.....	.....
Salmon.....	6	..	...	..	1	...	..	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Scott B. & Clam.	....	..	....	..	...	...	..	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Crescent City...	9	..	1	1	...	...	..	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	2.50	.....	.....
Smith's River...	....	..	....	..	...	...	..	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Union & Eureka.	51	..	18	4	2	6	1	1,800	2	1,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Red Bluffs	4	1	....	..	1	...	..	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Colusi	15	..	8	..	...	1	..	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Honey Lake.....	....	..	....	..	...	...	..	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
TOTAL	196	3	47	8	15	22	4	$ 7,300	6	$3,350	1	$117.55	$ 2.50		

[A.—Continued.]

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Numbers.				Baptisms.		Church Property.				Benevolent Contributions.				
MARYSVILLE DISTRICT.	Members.	Deaths.	Probationers.	Local Preachers	Adults.	Children.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	For Conference Claimants.	For Missionary Society.	For Tract Society.	For Bible Society.	For Sunday School Union.
Marysville	44	..	....	1	3	10	1	$ 8,000	..	.....	$ 10.00	$ 80.00	$ 10.00	$20.00	$10.00
Nevada	75	1	10	..	1	10	1	4,000	1	$ 800	.....	20.00	.....	.....	.....
Grass Valley	62	2	4	3	12	12	2	6,000	1	3,000	1.00	5.00	1.00	22.00	8.00
Oroville	25	..	....	..	..	..	..	.....	1	2,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Forest City	29	1	....	3	..	1	2	2,400	1	1,000	2.50	119.00	.....	.....	.....
Downieville	35	..	1	..	2	6	1	4,000	1	500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Iowa Hill	53	..	24	..	11	..	2	3,200	1	100	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
North San Juan	35	1	....	1	..	1	1	1,500	..	.....	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Michigan City	35	..	11	..	..	2	..	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Moores Flat	15	..	....	..	..	..	1	1,000	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cacheville Ct	30	1	7	1	1	1	..	.....	1	750	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Auburn	15	..	....	..	..	..	1	3,000	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Forbestown	40	..	....	..	..	..	..	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dutch Flat	14	..	11	..	..	..	..	.....	1	65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sutter Circuit	13	..	4	2	..	..	..	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rabbit Creek	12	..	....	..	..	..	..	.....	..	.....	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
TOTAL	532	6	72	11	22	43	12	$33,100	8	$ 8,715	$ 16.50	$224.00	$ 11.00	$42-00	$18.00
GERMAN DISTRICT.															
Dupont St S. F.	20	..	16	..	1	4	1	$ 8,000	1	$ 600	$ 1.00	$170.00	$ 5.00	$10.00	$10.00
Mission, S. F.	....	..	....	..	....	....	1	4,000	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sacm'to & M'ville	12	..	7	..	....	13	1	2,000	..	.....	1.00	29,00	1.50	1.00	1.50
Stock'n& Toul'ne	16	..	14	..	....	16	1	3,500	1	400	4.50	58.10	5.50	7.60	5.00
TOTAL	48		37		1	33	4	$17,500	2	$1,000	$ 6.50	$257.10	$ 12.00	$18.60	$16.50

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

DISTRICTS.	Numbers.				Baptisms.		Church Property.				Benevolent Contributions.				
	Members.	Deaths.	Probationers.	Local Preachers	Adults.	Children.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	For Conference Claimants.	For Missionary Society.	For Tract Society.	For Bible Society.	For Sunday School Union.
S Francisco Dis't	1294	10	343	19	60	120	20	$52,050	12	$3,350	$ 42.00	$556.70	$ 9.75	$21.25	$17.65
Sacramento, "	669	18	389	17	53	56	20	35,600	13	11,950	15.50	124.50	.....	.....	22.50
Marysville, "	532	6	72	11	22	43	12	33,100	8	8,715	16.50	224.00	11.00	42.00	18.00
Mt. Shasta, "	196	3	47	8	15	22	4	7,300	6	3,350	1 00	117.55	2.50	.....	.....
German Mission.	48	..	37	...	1	33	4	17,500	2	1,000	6.50	257,10	12.00	18.60	16.50
Aggregate...	2739	37	888	55	151	274	60	145,550	41	34,365	81.50	*1279,85	35.25	$81.85	$74.65
Last Year...	2500	29	612	62	122	185	58	135,750	29	25,825	10.00	348,20	87.25	41.55	131.25
Increase....	239	8	276	...	29	89	2	$ 9,800	12	8,540	71.50	$931,65	.....	$40.30	.....
Decrease....	....	....	....	7	....	....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	52.00	.....	$56.60

* In addition to the amount reported from various charges :— $1279.85
Add proceeds of Anniversary, and other funds, - - - - 524.60

Total, $1804.45
" Last year, 1018.45

Total increase, $ 786.00

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SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

APPOINTMENTS.	No. S. Schools	Off's & Tea's	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	No. B. Classes	Scholars in Infant Classes.	Expenses of the Schools this year.	Raised for Sunday School Union	S. S. Advocates taken.	Conversions.
SAN FRANCISCO DIST.										
Powell St. S. F.	1	26	200	1800	1	36	385.00	5.00	150	4
Folsom St. S. F	1	16	150	700	1	40	200.00	.....	100	5
Bethel Charge, S. F.	1	15	80	500	1	...	120.00	2.00	100	..
San Jose	2	20	92	500	2	20	71.00	5.00	50	7
Santa Clara	1	8	75	550	1	...	65.00	.....	50	4
Santa Clara Ct	1	5	20	250	1	...	25.00	5.00	10	3
Santa Cruz	3	25	55	400	2	6	50.00	.....	35	2
Alameda	1	12	60	300	1	...	50.00	.....	30	..
Suisun Ct.	2	9	40	175	1	...	20.00	.....	...	5
Vallejo	1	10	50	210	..	...	.....	.....	50	..
Petaluma	2	40	140	600	1	70	50,00	.....	50	15
Contra Costa Ct.	2	10	60	150	2	...	20.00	.....	20	4
Honolulu	1	6	35	950	2	15	.....	.....	35	..
Total	19	202	1057	7085	16	187	1056.00	$17.00	680	49
SACRAMENTO DIST.										
Seventh St., Sac. City	1	27	125	500	2	...	200.00	.....	200	1
H Street, " "	1	16	85	1200	1	...	214.00	.....	100	..
Sacramento Ct.	4	26	150	300	..	...	30.00	.....	25	3
Placerville & Diamond Springs	2	20	100	200	3	...	100.00	22.50	75	..
Coloma & Geo. Town	2	13	41	500	1	...	100.00	.....	50	..
Volcano	2	10	50	300	2	7	50.00	.....	40	..
Grizzly Flat	1	16	60	500	3	10	250.00	.....	40	40
Mok. Hill & Angels	3	22	120	250	2	10	40.00	.....	...	..
Columbia & Springfield	2	18	60	600	4	6	200.00	.....	50	..
Sonora	2	12	40	350	..	...	.....	.....	40	3
Chinese Camp & Knights Ferry	2	8	40	450	..	...	50.00	.....	30	..
Stockton	1	12	90	800	1	18	156.00	.....	50	3
Calaveras Ct.	4	24	87	800	4	30	.....	.....	100	6
Total	27	224	1048	6750	23	81	1390.00	$22.50	800	56
MARYSVILLE DIST.										
Marysville	1	13	90	450	1	15	40.00	10.00	100	..
Oroville	1	9	49	400	..	20	35.00	.....	...	..
Iowa Hill	2	10	75	450	2	...	50.00	.....	41	..
Grass Valley	2	19	111	308	2	17	50.00	8.00	70	2
Nevada	1	12	75	800	2	1	70.00	.....	22	..
Forest City	2	11	40	550	1	...	20.00	.....	50	..
Downieville	1	7	35	300	1	...	15.00	.....	25	..
Rabit Creek	1	6	20	.....	..	...	.....	.....	...	..
Michigan City	1	9	45	250	1	...	46.25	.....	...	..
Moore's Flat Ct.	1	5	40	75	1	...	.....	.....	...	..
Dutch Flat Ct.	1	8	30	40	..	20	.....	.....	...	..
North San Juan	1	5	36	250	1	12	10.00	.....	22	..
Total	15	114	646	3873	12	85	336.25	18.00	330	2

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APPOINTMENTS.	No. S. Schools	Offi's & Tea's.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	No. B. Classes	Scholars in Infant Classes.	Expenses of the Schools this year.	Raised for Sunday School Union	S. S. Advocates taken.	Conversions.
MT. SHASTA DIST.										
Shasta Ct.	3	10	58	125	..	10	.....	.....	25	2
Weaverville	1	5	35	650	..	14	43.50	.....	30	..
Yreka	1	14	90	400	1	15	102.00	.....	100	..
Crescent City	1	6	30	200	1	...	75.00	.....	25	1
Red Bluff	1	8	37	150	1	...	.....	.....	...	..
Colusi Ct.	1	1	5	200	..	...	.....	.....	...	..
Total	8	44	255	1725	3	39	220.50	.....	180	3
CALA. GERMAN DIST.										
Dupont St., San Francisco	1	17	102	382	..	25	151.80	10.00	200	3
German Miss. S. F.	1	11	34	301	..	...	113.50	.....	50	..
Stockton	1	7	23	100	..	...	44.00	5.00	...	2
Sacramento	1	5	20	120	..	3	18.00	1.50	50	..
Total	4	40	179	903		28	$327.30	16.50	300	5

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

DISTRICTS.	No. S Schools	Offi's & Tea's	Scholars.	Volumns in Library.	No. B. Classes	Scholars in Infant Classes.	Expenses of the Schools this year.	Raised for Sunday School Union	S. S. Advocates taken.	Conversions.
San Francisco Dist.	19	202	1057	7085	16	187	1.056	17.00	680	49
Sacramento Dist.	27	224	1048	6750	23	81	1.390	22.50	800	56
Marysville Dist.	15	114	646	3873	12	85	336.25	18.00	330	2
Mt. Shasta Dist.	8	44	255	1725	3	39	220.50	.....	180	3
German Mission Dist.	4	40	179	903	..	28	327.30	16.50	300	5
Aggregate,	73	624	3185	20336	54	420	3330.05	74.00	2290	115
Last Year,	60	494	2394	11122	47	111	3409.00	.....	1309	38
Increase,	13	130	791	9214	7	309	.....	74.00	981	77
Decrease,	..	...	....	.....	..	...	78.95	.....	....	...

A few changes are not represented in the above, for the reason that the reports were not put into the hands of the Secretary until *after the close of Conference*, when the journal had been completed, and duplicate tables prepared to be forwarded to New York.

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STEWARD'S REPORT.

SAN FRANCISCO DISTRICT.
M. C. BRIGGS, *P. E.*

STATIONS.	PREACHERS.	SALARIES. Conference Claimants.	Claim.	Rec'pts fm Charge.	Missionary Rece'pts.	Total Receipts.	Deficiency.	PRES. ELDER. Claim.	Receipts.	Deficiency.
San Fran., Powell st	E. Bannister,	$5	$1,800	$1,800		$1,800		$300	$300	
" Folsom St.	W. S. Urmy,	1	1,200	1,200		1,200		150	150	
" Bethel,	J. B. Hill,	1	1,200	1,200		1,200		100	100	
Mission Dolores,	R. McIlroy,	2								
San Jose,	G. S. Phillips,	3	1,000	1,000		1,000		100	100	
Santa Clara, hf year.	R. B. Stratton,		600	600		600		100	100	
" "	J. Daniel,	2,50	500	500		500				
Santa Clara, circuit	Isaac Owen,	13	1,062	762	300	1,062		80	80	
" "	Wm. Gafney,		487	387	100	487				
Santa Cruz,	A. Higbie,	2	800	800		800		80	80	
Alameda,	W. Grove Deal,	1								
Oakland,	E. Aylworth,	1	150		150	150				
Centerville,	Alex. Maclay,	1	800	500		500	300	100	64	36
Sonoma,	James Corwin,	1	500	100	300	400	100	100	100	
Vallejo,	C. V. Anthony,	1	928	813		813	115	80	35	45
Petaluma,	W. J. Maclay,	1	1,200	1,200		1,200		100	100	
Tomales,	J. K. Walker,	1	500	100	150	250	250	35	35	
Suisun,	James Hunter,		900	600	300	900		50	50	
Santa Rosa and	Asa White,	1	650	200		200	450			
Russian River,	Colin Anderson,		275	100		100	175			
" half year,	J. M Hinman,		275	142		142	133			
Contra Costa,	J. W. Brier,	1,50	1,000	70	300	1,000		100	100	
Napa & Clear Lake,	Jacob Speck,	1	576	376	200	576		82	82	
Los Angeles,	E. Merchant,	1	175		175	175				
" "	J. Kilpatrick,		325		325	325		100	100	
San Bernardino,	A. L. S. Bateman,		520	20	500	52				
Honolulu,	W. S. Turner,	1	1,200	1,100		1,100	100			
Mendoc. & Ind. Res.,	R. Kellen, 7 mos.		650	650		650				
	Total,	$42	19,273	14,850	2,800	17,650	1,623	1,657	1576	81

SACRAMENTO DISTRICT.
J. D. BLAIN, *P. E.*

Sacramento, 7th St.,	J. W. Ross,	$1	$1,560	$1,560		$1,560		$160	$150	$10
" H St.,	David Deal,		1,200	644	$400	1,044	156	80	63	17
Sacramento cir'ct,	N. R. Peck,	1	1,100	788		788	312	100	100	
" part of year	L. C. Clark,		180	180		180				
" part of year,	M. C. Baker,		197	197		197				
Placerville,	J. McH. Caldwell,	1	1,000	1,000		1,000		160	120	40
Col'a. & Georgetown,	I. P. Hale,	1	238	262		238		100	34	66
Ione Valley,	J. Sharp,	1	800	640		640	160	160	102	58
" "	J. W. Ricks,		700	395		395	305			
Volcano,	R. W. Williamson,	1	1,008	908	100	1,008		100	100	
Grizzly Flat,	G W. Heath,	2						75	75	
Mokelumne Hill,	W. H. Smith,	1	700	700	100	800		100	52	48
Angels, p't of year,	W. Willmott,		100	100		100		80	62	18
Columbia,	H. Baker,	1	1,200	1,100	100	1,200		160	160	
Sonora,	H. J. Bland,	1	1,000	751		751	249	150	150	
Mariposa,	C. N. Hinckly,	1	259	259	200	459		80	70	10
"	John McKelvey,		259	259	200	459				
Chinese Camp,	R. R. Dunlap,	1	1,200	524	300	824	376	100	75	25
Calaveras,	W. Curry,	1	1,000	500	200	700	300	100	60	40
Stockton,	P. G. Buchanan,	1	1,800	1,800		1,800		120	90	30
	Total,	$15	15,525	12,567	1,600	14,167	1,858	1,825	1463	362

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MARYSVILLE DISTRICT.
A. BLAND, *P. E.*

PREACHERS.	STATIONS.	SALARIES.						PRES. ELDER.		
		Conference Claimants.	Claims.	Rec'pts fm Charge.	Missionary Receipts.	Total Receipts.	Deficiency.	Claim.	Receipts.	Deficiency
Marysville,	J. A. Bruner,	$10	$2,000	$2,000		$2,000		$200	$208	
Nevada,	D. A. Dryden,		1,500	1,200		1,200	$300	160	117	43
Grass Valley,	I. B. Fish,	1	1,500	1,300		1,300	200	160	70	90
Iowa Hill,	C. D. Cushman,	1	1,400	1,075		1,075	325	160	131	29
Downieville,	Wm. Hulbert,		2,000	1,700	800	2,500		160	49	111
Orleans Flat,	G. A. Pierce,		500	350		350	150	10	10	
North San Juan,	J. Dickinson,	1	1,200	700	183	883	317			
" " ½ y'r,	G. B. Hinkle,		200	100	17	117	83	160	99	61
Michigan City,	R. B. Scofield,		700	345		345	355	80	65	15
Forbestown,	B. C. Howard,		200		200	200		100	45	55
Auburn,								70	70	
Forest City,	H. B. Sheldon,	2,50	1,600	911		911	689	160	119	41
Dutch Flat, ½ year,	G. B. Hinkle,		600	150		150	450	50	16	34
Sutter,	B. F. Myers,		1,000	29		29	971	160	93	67
Oroville,	J. R Tansey,		1,800	800	400	1,200	600	160	97	63
Cacheville,	R. Hobart,		800	285	200	485	315	160	97	63
Rabbit Creek,	J. L. Bennett,	1	300	300		300		26	26	
West Feather River,	No supply,							12	12	
	Total,	1650	17,300	11,245	1,800	13,045	4,755	1,988	1324	672

MOUNT SHASTA DIST.
S. D. SIMONDS, *P. E.*

Shasta,	Supply,									
Weaverville,	N. Reasoner,	$1	$1,000	$1,000		$1,000		$120	$120	
Yreka,	E. A. Hazen,		1,800	1,800		1,800		160	160	
Scott Valley,	J. Pettit,		1,200	1,300		1,300		120	120	
Salmon,	T. Cayton,		600	350	150	500	100	100	48	52
Scott Bar & Klamath	Supply, N. Burton,		600	600	200	800		100	31	69
Crescent City,	C. H. Northup,		800	600	300	900				
Smith's River,	Supply, J. Jeffrey,		850	506	300	806	44			
Union & Eureka,	J. W. Barton,		806	506	300	806				
" "	S. Van Gundy,		450	193		193	257			
	Total,	$1	8,206	6,855	1,250	8,105	401	600	479	121

GERMAN MISS. DISTRICT.
AUGUSTUS KELLNER, *P. E.*

San Francisco, Du'pt	A. Kellner,	$1	$1,578	$62	1,000	$1,062	516			
Sacramento,	G. H. Bollinger,	1	1,000	155	800	955	45	30	30	
Stockton,	C. Dierking,	4,50	1,000	200	800	1,000		32	32	
	Total,	6 50	3,578	417	2,600	3,017	561	62	62	

RECAPITULATION.

SAN FRANCISCO DISTRICT,	$42	19,273	14,850	2,800	17,650	1,623	1,657	1576	$81
SACRAMENTO DISTRICT,	15	15,525	12,567	1,600	14,167	1,858	1,825	1463	362
MARYSVILLE DISTRICT,	1650	17,300	11,245	1,800	13,045	4,755	1,988	1324	672
MOUNT SHASTA DISTRICT,	1	8,206	6,855	1,250	8,105	401	600	479	121
CALIFORNIA GERMAN DISTRICT,	6,50	3,578	417	2,600	3,017	561	62	62	
Total,	$81	63,882	45,934	10,050	55,984	9,198	$6,132	4904	1236
Last year,	10	58,099			48,353	8,622			
Increase,	$71	$5,783			$7,631	$576			

COMMITTEES.

1. Sabbath Observance, E. Bannister, N. R. Peck, J. A. Bruner.
2. Publication of Minutes, J. B. Hill, E. Thomas, W. S. Urmy.
3. Book Agents Accounts, W. S. Turner, J. Corwin.
4. Post Offices, J. H. Miller.
5. Bible Cause, G. S. Phillips, A. Higbie, R. R. Dunlap.
6. Pastoral Address, S. D. Simonds, J. W. Ross, J. Hunter.
7. Stewards, I. Owen, I. B. Fish, N. Reasoner, H. J. Bland, C. Dierking.
8. Education, J. T. Peck, E. A. Hazen, H. B. Sheldon, J. McH. Caldwell.
9. Missions, M. C. Briggs, J. D. Blain, A. Bland, S. D. Simonds, A. Kellner.
10. Sunday Schools, J. Daniel, D. Deal. W. Hulburt.
11. Tract Cause, P. G. Buchanan, J. R. Tansey, C. H. Northup.
12. Temperance, D. A. Dryden, J. W. Ross, W. J. Maclay.
13. Public Worship, J. D. Blain, J. W. Ross, D. Deal, C. Dierking.
14. Memoirs, M. C. Briggs, H. J. Bland, A. L. S. Bateman.
15. Finance, I. Owen, W. Morrow, J. Rogers
16. National Mag., E. Thomas, H. B. Sheldon.
17. Special Fund, E. A. Hazen, W. Wilmott, J. Pettit.
18. C. C. Advocate, H. C. Benson, G. S. Phillips, D. A. Dryden, N. Reasoner, C. V. Anthony.
19. Lay Delegation, G. S. Phillips, E. Thomas, Wm. Morrow, J. Daniel, H. C. Benson.
20. Fund for Publication of Minutes, C. V. Anthony, R. McElroy.
21. To Nominate for Trustees, M. C. Briggs, J. D. Blain, A. Bland, S. D. Simonds, A. Kellner.
22. Correspondence of Dr. Dempster. D. A. Dryden, E. Thomas, E. Bannister.
23. Correspondence with Gen. Miss. Com., J. T. Peck, J. Daniel, G. S. Phillips, A. S. Gibbons, P. G. Buchanan, S. D. Simonds, A. L. S. Bateman,
24. Fund for removals and monuments, A. Bland, I. Owen.
25. Correspondence with Dr. Dempster, E. Thomas, A. S. Gibbons, E. Bannister.

APPOINTMENTS.

1. San Francisco District, *M. C. Briggs, P. E.*
   " Powell street, *Jesse T. Peck.*
   " Folsom street, *J. Asbury Bruner, R. McElroy,* Sup.
   " Seamans' Bethel, *John Daniel, Wm. Taylor.*

Santa Clara, *Wm. S. Urmy, C. Maclay, Sup.*
Santa Clara Circuit, *James W. Brier,* one to be supplied.
San Jose, *P. G. Buchanan.*
Redwood City, to be supplied.
Santa Cruz, Wm. Gaffney.
Monterey and Salinas Plains, Charles V. Anthony.
Centreville, *John R. Tansey.*
Alameda Circuit, Alfred Higbie.
Contra Costa, Wm. B. May, Colin Anderson.
Honolulu, *John Maclay.*

E. Thomas, Editor of California Christian Advocate, and member of Powell street Quarterly Conference.
A. S. Gibbons, President; *J. Rogers*, Professor;
G. S. Phillips, Principal of the Female department, of the University of the Pacific, all members of the Santa Clara Quarterly Conference.

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2. Stockton District, *I. Owen, P. E.*

Stockton, *J. B. Hill.*
Live Oak, Wm. Curry.
French Camp, Alex. Maclay.
Mokelumne Hill and Angel's Camp, Robt. Kellen.
Sonora, *J. McH. Caldwell.*
Columbia, Henry Baker.
Knight's Ferry, to be supplied.
Mariposa, Chas. N. Hinckley.
Tulare, { John McKelvey, S. Fairfield.
Los Angeles and San Bernardino, to be supplied.

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3. Sacramento District, *A. Bland, P. E.*

Sacramento, Seventh Street, *J. W. Ross.*
" H Street, *David Deal.*
" Circuit, *N. R. Peck.*
Cacheville and Putah, *R. R. Dunlap*, one to be supplied.
Folsom, to be supplied.
Georgetown and Coloma, R. W. Williamson.
Placerville, *Henry C. Benson.*
Ione and Cosumnes, { *H. J. Bland*, one to be supplied. W. Nims, P. Y. Cool, sup.
Volcano and Grizzly Flat, G. W. Heath, one to be supplied.
Iowa City, *Wm. Willmott.*
Michigan City, John W. Ricks.
Auburn, C. D. Cushman.
Carson Valley, to be supplied.

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4. Marysville District, *S. D. Simonds, P. E.*

Marysville, *J. D. Blain.*
Sutter, R. Hobart.
Feather River & Forbestown, *J. J. Cleaveland*, one to be sup.
Penn Valley, Jas. H. Maddux.

Grass Valley, *I. B. Fish.*
Nevada, *D. A. Dryden.*
Dutch Flat, H. Van Gundy.
North San Juan, to be supplied.
Orleans Flat, W. N. Smith.
Forest City, *H. B. Sheldon.*
Downieville, *Wm. S. Turner.*
La Porte, Galen A. Pierce.
American Valley, Philetus Grove.
Oroville, *R. B. Stratton.*

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5. Mt. Shasta District, *N. Reasoner, P. E.*

Shasta, to be supplied.
Weaverville, B. F. Myers.
Yreka and Shasta Valley, *E. A. Hazen,* one to be supplied
Scott Valley, J. H. Miller.
Scott Bar and Klamath, to be supplied.
Orleans Bar and Salmon, " "
Red Bluffs, " "
Tehama, Thomas Cayton.
Colusi, Wm. F. Nelson.
West Feather River and Bidwell's, to be supplied.
Crescent City, *J. Pettit.*
Smith's River, to be supplied.

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6. Petaluma District, *E. Bannister, P. E.*

Petaluma, W. J. Maclay.
Bodega, *A. L. S. Bateman.*
Santa Rosa and Sonoma, Asa White.
Russian River, *J. M. Hinman.*
Ukiah, to be supplied.
Mendocino, Joel Brunell.
Napa Valley, Jacob Speck.
Napa City, *Wm. Morrow.*
Suisun and Vallejo, *James Hunter.*
Clear Lake, *James Corwin.*
Eel River, J. W. Burton.
Union and Eureka, Charles H. Northup.
E. Arnold, sup., transferred to Oregon Conference, Principal of Umpqua Academy, and member of the North Umpqua Quarterly Conference.

7. California German District, *A. Kellner, P. E.*

San Francisco, Dupont St., *Chas. A. E. Hertel.*
" Circuit, to be supplied.
Sacramento and Marysville, Chas. Dierking.
Stockton and Tuolumne, G. Bollinger.
Los Angeles, to be supplied.
Shasta, " "

REPORTS.

1.—ON SPECIAL FUND.

To the Bishop and members of the California Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

We, your committee, appointed to take into consideration and mature a plan better to provide for the wants of the Superannuated, Supernumerary, or worn out preachers, and the widows and orphans of deceased preachers, recommend the organization of a Society with the following constitution :

CONSTITUTION.

ART. 1. This Society shall be known as the Preachers' Aid Society of the California Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

ART. 2. The Officers of this Society shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected at each annual meeting, by the ballot of a majority of all the members present.

ART. 3. The annual meetings of the Society shall be held on ——— day of each session of the conference.

ART. 4. There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of one member of the Society elected from each district of the conference, who shall take cognizance of all the Supernumerary, Superanuated, or worn out preachers, and the widows and orphans of deceased preachers ; find out as nearly as may be the condition of all such, and report to each annual meeting the amount they would recommend to be paid to each claimant.

ART. 5. There shall be an election of five Trustees, (one of whom shall be the Treasurer of the Board), the term of office of one to expire at each annual meeting, who shall have control of all the funds of the society, under the direction of the Executive Committee.

ART. 6. During the intervals of conference, the Trustees may make small appropriations to relieve the immediate wants of such

claimants as may be certified to by a member of the Executive Committee having cognizance of these claimants.

ART. 7. The Treasurer of the Board of Trustees shall give a bond for not less than twice the amount of moneys and capital stock of the Society on hand at the time he is inducted into office, with two such securities as shall be approved by the Executive Committee.

ART. 8. The funds of the Society may be loaned by the Trustees, by taking good security, the interest of which shall be appropriated for supplying the wants of claimants, subject to the approval of the Society.

ART. 9. In addition to the interest, etc., on the funds of the Society, there may be appropriated to claimants annually, an amount not exceeding one-half of what shall accrue from the annual dues of members, and from adjoining fees, the remaining income of the Society to go into the sinking fund.

ART. 10. Any person may become a member of this Society by paying into the Treasury twenty-five dollars at the time of joining, and ten dollars annually thereafter.

ART. 11. Appropriations shall be made first, to supply the wants of members of the Society, and of widows and orphans of such as have been members ; but appropriations shall not be confined to these alone, provided that fourteen of the members present at any annual meeting, vote for extending relief to any particular case.

ART. 12. Any member who shall fail to pay his dues to the Society for two years, shall forfeit his membership, but may be reinstated at the discretion of the Society.

ART. 13. Such farther regulations as may be deemed necessary from time to time, may be made by the By-laws, provided they do not conflict with this constitution.

ART. 14. This constitution may be altered at any regular meeting of the Society, by a vote of three-fourths of the members present.

BY-LAWS.

SEC. 1. The Treasurer of the Society may receive funds due the Society, but shall, at the earliest opportunity, transmit the same to the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees, through the Secretary of the Board.

SEC. 2. The Treasurer of the Board of Trustees shall disburse no funds from the Treasury, except by order of the Secretary, (or by order of the Board, as provided in Art. 6th of the Constitution), signed by the President and Secretary of the Society.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of each member, and each minister of the conference shall be requested, to solicit donations to increase the sinking fund of the Society.

SEC. 4. The Treasurer of the Board of Trustees shall keep a strict account of all the funds received into and disbursed from the Treasury, and make a full exhibit of the financial condition of the Society at each annual meeting.

SEC. 5. The books of the Treasurer of the Board shall be open to the inspection of any of the Executive Committee at all times.

SEC. 6. The Board of Trustees shall elect one of their number President, and another Secretary of the Board.

SEC. 7. The Secretary of the Board shall receive all moneys due the Society and pay them over to the Treasurer, taking his receipt for the same, and shall make an annual report to the Society.

E. A. HAZEN, } *Committee.*
JOS. PETTIT, }

2.—ON NATIONAL MAGAZINE.

The *National Magazine*, devoted to Literature, Art, and Religion, and published by our church in New York,—has passed six years of trial for patronage, in competition with older and well established periodicals of its class.

The merits of the *National* are acknowledged to be equal to the reputation of the highest class of monthlies occupying the same sphere of journalism.

The Committee of Publication represent that the receipts of the *National* have not been equal to the expenses of its publication. Two questions have been mooted in this connection—

1st. Shall the Magazine be suspended?

2d. Shall its character be so changed as to give its religious department a denominational type?

Your committee, after careful deliberation, conclude that the *National Magazine* fills a sphere unoccupied by any other periodical of our church. That we cannot, in justice to ourselves, and the claims the public have upon us, for a pure and elevated periodical literature, discontinue the *National;* and further, your committee believe that the success of this Magazine would be rendered more hopeful by the change in the religious department, which has been suggested.

The following resolutions are recommended for adoption:

Resolved, 1st, That in the judgment of this conference, the *National Magazine* holds a high position in its class of periodicals.

Resolved, 2d, That its suspension would leave a vacancy in our periodical literature that could not be allowed without dishonor to the church.

Resolved, 3d, That such a change in the religious department

as will better adapt the Magazine to our denominational tastes and wants, will tend greatly to insure its success, and we recommend, therefore, that the Publishers be requested to make the change indicated.

Resolved, 4th, That the members of this conference pledge themselves to renewed care and fidelity in extending the circulation of the Magazine.

E. THOMAS,
H. B. SHELDON.

3.—ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education would respectfolly report: That they have carefully examined the documents referred to them, and are especially gratified to learn from the Board of Trustees and the Visiting Committee, that the University of the Pacific, is, in both its departments, in a high state of prosperity.

The President, Professors, and Agent, deserve the grateful acknowledgments of the Conference, and of the whole church, for the self-sacrifice and indefatigable labor by which they have brought the University to its present state of prosperity.

It is due, however, to say that this great enterprise is comparatively in its beginning, and will require, as it deserves, the vigilant attention and warm patronage of the church. It would be entirely premature to assume that it is, or can be self-sustaining. The University is not yet endowed, and it is believed that our brethren and friends in all parts of the Conference, will feel it both a duty and a pleasure to contribute liberally to the support of the Institution.

We would here also express the deep conviction that the interests of our church, and of the sons and daughters of the church, require us to patronize our own Institutions.

We offer for the consideration of the Conference the following resolutions:

1st. *Resolved*, That we are highly gratified with the increasing prosperity of the University of the Pacific. We warmly commend it to the patronage of our people and of the public generally.

2d. *Resolved*, That we request the Bishop to appoint William Hulbert to the Agency of the University for the next year, and we pledge ourselves to co-operate with him in his efforts to raise funds within our respective charges.

3d. *Resolved*, That the Bishop is hereby requested to appoint seven visitors to the University for the year coming.

The Alameda Collegiate Institute, Rev. William Grove Deal, M. D., Principal and Proprietor, is a valuable seminary of learning, enjoying the public confidence, and doing a most excellent work. We offer the following:

1st. *Resolved*, That we commend the Alameda Collegiate Institute to the patronage of the public.

2d. *Resolved*, That the Bishop is hereby requested to appoint three visitors to attend the examinations of this Institution during the year ensuing.

4.—ON C. C. CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

The Committee on the *California Christian Advocate* having had its interests under advisement, reported the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted by the Conference:

Resolved, 1st. That we have implicit confidence in the ability and integrity of the Editor and resident Agent; and would express our entire satisfaction with their editorial and financial conduct of the Advocate the past year.

Resolved, 2d. That we would earnestly commend the Advocate to the patronage of all the friends and members of the church.

Resolved, 3d. That we, the members of the Conference, will heartily and cordially co-operate with the Agent, and Editor in the circulation of the paper.

5.—ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We conceive it unnecessary, before a body of Christian ministers and an intelligent public, to advance arguments to prove the utility or importance of Sabbath schools. The word of the Lord hath said, "All thy children shall be taught of the Lord," and attached the promise, "great shall be the peace of thy children." And the only Lord and Lawgiver of the Christian Church, has added to his own example of love and attention to children the command, "*Feed my lambs.*" Each successive year only strengthens the conviction that Sabbath schools probably stand first in the prudential regulations of the Church for the salvation of the world. They evidently had the Divine sanction among us on this coast, during the past year. For in looking over the statistics of Sabbath schools within our bounds, we have counted one hundred and fifteen conversions that have come to the knowledge of the pastors. When we take into account, the moral and political power with which these schools act upon the young mind, at a period of life when it is most yielding and impressible; and the agency they have in building up virtuous character, and forming steady habits, their value can scarcely be exaggerated. The Sabbath school is a most valuable ally of the minister, and furnishes a congenial field of usefulness to the members of the Church. There they should be found every Lord's day, if their services

are required, for there they may win redeemed minds early to Christ, who in their turn, go out to act with favorable effect upon a world lying "in the hands of the wicked one." Your committee would be heartily glad, were it in their power, to give a new impetus to this ever interesting cause in our own Conference.

In addition to those already here, hundreds of children, from distant shores, are yearly arriving among us. Being so long unsettled, they very naturally lose much of their regard for the Church, and sacred institutions, on the way, and are immediately placed in situations of powerful temptation to turn aside from the upright path, and take the broad road that leads to death. If not introduced as soon as possible to the peaceful and home-reviving influence of the Sabbath school, indifference will ensue, and indifference will soon settle down into positive dislike. Thus those who, before their arrival, gave promise of "*early piety*," and hopeful instruments of good, soon swell the number of the dissipated and profane, and the lost.

Taking then into account, the peculiar opposing influences around us here, where everything is in a forming condition, and where all kinds of temptations to the young are rife, your committee think they cannot too strenuously urge upon all our brethen, an ever wakeful vigilance in this responsible department of our labor in the Church of Christ. In conclusion, we would submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we will pay special attention to the children in our respective charges, and try to allure them to the house of prayer.

Resolved, That in our pastoral visitations, we will endeavor to find out delinquents, and seek the neglected, and use all appropriate means to make attendance on the Sabbath school both pleasant and desirable.

Resolved, That we will preach at least one or more sermons during the year upon the importance of Sabbath school instruction.

Resolved, That we will urge parents not only to send their children to school, but also to attend with them, and thereby encourage all actively engaged in Sabbath school labor.

Resolved, That as pastors we will not leave this matter wholly to others, but by as frequent attendance as is consistent with other duties, show our anxiety for the success of the Sabbath school enterprise in our State.

J. DANIEL,
W. HULBURT,
D. DEAL.

6.—ON TRACT CAUSE.

The Committee on the Tract Cause, report: the value of the whole tract movement at this day, needs no argument. Equally evident is its value to this coast. Alike in our mines, in our cities and agricultural districts, the *Tract* has a work to do that cannot be done by any other agency.

The California Annual Conference fully acknowledges her obligations to give to the Tract movement of our Church her hearty and full co-operation; and regrets, that owing to the great difficulties attending all Church operations, it has been able with its multiplied engagements to give it so little attention.

A Tract Society of this Conference was organized several years since, under the auspices of which tracts and books were procured and circulated, and money raised, but it is now believed to be without officers or records. No anniversary was held last year or the preceding, nor does there seem time since our attention was called to the subject, to hold one during the present session.

It is to be hoped that another year and another session of our Conference will fully inaugurate the tract movement among us.

The following charges have raised money for the Tract Society:

San Jose	$5 00
Santa Clara Circuit	3 75
San Francisco, Dupont street German	5 00
Stockton, German	5 50
Marysville	10 00
Sacramento, German	1 50
Total	$30 75
Bro. Miller, who was nominally appointed Tract Agent last year, received	25 00
Making, as the whole amount raised	$55 75

Resolved, That collections be taken in all charges for the benefit of the Tract Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Resolved, That we acknowledge with gratitude the reception of $100 worth of tracts and tract volumes from the parent society.

7—ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Your Committee, appointed to consider the question of Sabbath Observance, beg leave to present the following report:

The desecration of the Sabbath in the pursuits of pleasure and of unnecessary business, is an alarming evil in our State. This is one of the worst of evils, because it is a prolific parent of vice.

It is contributing largely to the increase of insanity, and to the early decrepitude and untimely death of multitudes. By diverting the young from the Sabbath school and all classes from the place of religious worship and instruction, it is filling the land with native born heathen who, destitute of right moral and religious convictions, become devotees to vile passions and appetites.

"The Sabbath was made for man." The highest good of man is the great end of its institution. It finds its justification in the wants of his physical, intellectual, and moral powers. The facts of physiology illustrate the wisdom and goodness of the law, giving, in addition to the nightly interruption of man's labors, one day in seven, to recuperate his exhausted energies. The Sabbath light comes mercifully to interrupt the current of his business thoughts and cares. The mind relieved of its too great pressure, and given up to the agreeable and elevating ideas of the social and religious relations, is refreshed and prepared for greater efforts and successes. But man's moral and religious improvement—his salvation from ignorance and sin, was the great end of the Sabbath institution. No observance of this day of rest, which does not subserve this end, is an obedience to the Sabbath law. And every mode of spending the Sabbath time, which comes in conflict with its moral and religious uses, is a direct violation of this law.

The obligation to desist from secular employments one day in seven, and to devote that time to spiritual culture is acknowledged both by Jews and Christians. To repudiate this obligation is to deny the authority of God's word. But the right of the civil authority to enforce by legal enactments such observance of this day, is by many denied.

While asserting the authority of the civil magistrate to enforce abstinence from ordinary business pursuits on the Sabbath day, we are prepared to contend as earnessly as the most jealous guardian of individual liberty, against his right to enforce a *religious* observance of this day. He does not possess the *power* to enforce any observance *really* religious, nor has he the *right* to require even a *formally* religious observance. But he has the right to require such a mode of spending Sabbath time as will not infract the religious prlvileges of others, nor interfere with the public good.

All have a right to demand a day of rest and protection in the quiet celebration of their chosen religious worship. To defend the masses in the enjoyment of this right requires the strong arm of law. All experience has shown that in consequence of inequality in the pecuniary condition of man, the capitalist will always have power to oppress the employee in this respect. Men are too covetous and grasping to be left without check and control in this relation to their fellows. The child, the apprentice, the

clerk in the mercantile house, the employee in the manufactory and on railroads and steamboats, need the protection of legislative authority. If they have it not, they will be subjected to the alternative of sacrificing health and a good conscience or losing a situation on which they and their helpless families are dependent for bread. At this moment, many fields of most remunerative effort are closed against the conscientious man, because he cannot compete in them with the unscrupulous Sabbath-breaker. A premium is offered to him who defies the thunders of Sinai, and tramples on the authority of a holy God.

Public virtue, and consequently the stability of our free institutions demand a Sabbath law.

A knowledge of God is necessary as a foundation of good morals. If his will and authority be not recognized, there is no proper ground of moral obligation. Moral distinctions are confounded. Right becomes wrong and wrong right, with the ever changing circumstances of men. Hence atheism, both theoretical and practical, has always given loose rein to corrupt passion. An atheistic age has always been barren of great virtues and prolific in all that is sensual, cruel and bloody.

But religious knowledge is not intuitive. It is to be communiceted only by careful instruction.

The leisure for this instruction and the spiritual development which depends on religious worship, require a day set apart, exempt from the demands of business and amusements. The actual or the virtual abolition of the Sabbath, which is involved in a general neglect of it, is equivalent to a closing of our church doors, the abolition of the Sabbath school and the cessation of family religious instruction.

In such a condition of things, public virtue cannot exist. Our free institutions cannot exist. Under a despotic government, vice may be restrained by the strong arm of military power. But under a republican constitution, public order must depend on the moral convictions of the people. If society may do what is necessary to its own existence, then may the law-making power provide for the public virtue, by establishing a day of moral and religious culture, which shall be inviolate with respect to the practice of all forms of business which will interfere with its high design. As society may punish vice, it may punish that which will take away from vice its most effectual restraints and from virtue its most powerful stimulants.

1. The civil power may therefore be invoked not to secure a religious observance of the Sabbath, but to enforce such a cessation from business as may be requisite for the public health.

2. To secure such instruction as is necessary to the public virtue and the stability and the order of our free institutions.

3. To protect all in the peaceable enjoyment of their right to assemble and worship God without molestation.

Therefore, believing that the public good requires a Sabbath law, and that the people are competent to judge of their own necessities,—

Resolved, That we will continue to labor in behalf of such a law, till the seats of legislative and judicial power shall be filled by those who will consult the public good in this respect, and obey the voice of the people.

8.—ON MISSIONS.

The Mission Committee have constituted and continued the following appropriations :

SAN FRANCISCO DISTRICT.

San Mateo,.....$250	Monterey & Salinas Plains, $300
Santa Cruz, ...100	Alameda Circuit, ...300

PETALUMA DISTRICT.

Bodega,.....$200	Mendocino, ...$200
Santa Rosa and Sonoma, ..200	Napa City, ...200
Ukia,.....100	Eel River,.....150
Union and Eureka,..... 100	

SACRAMENTO DISTRICT.

H St., Sacramento,.....$400	Carson Valley,.....$400
Sacramento Circuit, ...350	Cacheville,..... 350
Coloma,..... 250	

STOCKTON DISTRICT. $400

Mokelumne Hill, ...300	French Camp, ...$200
Mariposa, ...200	Tulare,.....400

MARYSVILLE DISTRICT.

Sutter,..... $200	Grass Valley,.....$300
Penn Valley,.....100	American Valley,.....200

MOUNT SHASTA DISTRICT. $400

Shasta, ... $100	Scott Bar and Klamath,..$200
Yreka and Shasta Valley,..200	Tehama,..... 100
Crescent City,.....400	Smith River,.....150
Orleans Bar and Salmon, ..150	

The Missionary Committee resumed the consideration of the German work.

Appropriation of $2,548 35 to California German Mission work, applied as follows:

German Mission District,	$848 35
Stockton,	400 00
Sacramento,	600 00
San Francisco, Dupont St.,	700 00

RECAPITULATION.

San Francisco Dist.,	$950	Marysville,	$800 00
Stockton,	1500	Mt. Shasta,	1700 00
Sacramento,	1750	Petaluma,	1150 00

Amount applied,	7850 00
" "	225 00
Whole amount appropriated,	$8075 00

MISSIONS IN LOWER CALIFORNIA CONTINUED.

Fort Yuma and Tubac,	$950
Whole amount to American work in California,	$8,075 00
" German " "	2,548 35
" Southern California and Arizonia,	950 00
Aside from transfers,	$11,573 35

9.—ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee has no new facts or truths to report on the subject submitted to their consideration. Intemperance is the same prolific source of evils it has ever been. It has abated not one jot in its antagonism to the dearest interests and hopes of humanity. As the great destroyer of peace, happiness, and human life, it still marches through the land leaving ruin and devastation in its course. Like an overflowing river, it rushes on deep and wide, bearing its tens of thousands to destruction every year. Men impelled by the sordid love of gain, still engage in the ruinous traffic in intoxicating drinks and grow rich by social crimes and human agonies. The laws still stand upon our statute books by which men are licensed to take the property and destroy the lives of their fellow men.

That a traffic so monstrous should be suffered to exist at all in

this Christian age, is sufficiently humiliating, but that it should exist by the provisions, and under the protecting shield of the laws of Christian States, is the startling fact of the times. In our own State, the field of our efforts for God and humanity, intemperance is the greatest source of opposition with which we meet. It obstructs our way with obstacles formidable on every hand—places thousands beyond our reach, or the hope of successful gospel effort. It is the impregnable stronghold of the devil, from which he discharges a thousand murderous batteries, and scarce can we gather up and heal the wounded and mangled. Here intemperance fills our State prison with convicts, our asylum with insane, our streets with drones and vagabonds and criminals, and our graveyards with the untimely and dishonored dead. It curses society with a thousand crimes, vices, and evils, paralyzes the strong arm of productive industry, and taxes honest, sober citizens thousands every year to prosecute and feed criminals and paupers. Not paupers who may be clothed in rags, and be satisfied with homely fare, but paupers who wear the finest clothes, and live upon the best of the land. And in all these evils intemperance seems to be on the increase, nor is it opposed by any efficient or hopeful opposition.

Time was, in years by gone, when the star of temperance rose beaming with hope, but if not waned entirely, it has become sadly dimmed. The advocates and friends of temperance and humanity bestirred themselves manfully, and made their voice to be heard, and their power felt over all our mountains and valleys, but that voice is well-nigh silent now, that power is felt no more. True, here and there, divisions of the Sons of Temperance are kept up, but their efforts are feeble, their success in relieving the ills of intemperance painfully limited. Emphatically, *Rum is king*, and well-nigh monarch of all he surveys. What can be done to restrict the evils, or extirpate the great evils of intemperance? is the practical inquiry your committee deems worthy of special consideration.

1st. Intemperance must be stripped of its stolen plumes of respectability, and those responsible for its existence must be dethroned from their position of social supremacy. Who are among us responsible for the continuance of this great curse of humanity? The venders of rum, the proprietors and owners of saloons? What is their social status? Are they of mean repute in society, such as have no influence over the rising generation, or in controlling our social relations? Would they were, but such they are not. Who among us occupy more controlling positions in society generally, than the dealers in, and consumers of rum? Their saloons, though verily the vestibules of hell, are furnished with most splendid furniture, and embellished with captivating paintings, enlivened by strains of music, dazzled with most brilliant

lamps, and cheered by the smiles of women. They are the nightly resort of those who control society. There our public officers are nominated, there they are inaugurated after election. What though the serpent's scales be bright and glossy, is his fang any the less poisonous? What though the steel be polished and glittering, is it the less dangerous when pointed at the heart? Vice is never so dangerous as when smiling through the mask of virtue. Error never so successful as when clothed in the nearest semblance to truth. None the less are these popular resorts the haunts of murder and robbery, though embellished with flowers and paintings, or those who preside in them, the destroyers of humanity's dearest interests notwithstanding their prestige of social distinction and respectability, be taken from them. Let such places and men be called and known by their proper names, and thousands will be saved from intemperance.

2d. In the judgment of your Committee the only means of successful opposition to intemperance is contained in the principles of the legal prohibition of the traffic in intoxicating liquors. The fact that public interest in the advocacy of this great measure and efforts to secure its practical application seemed to have declined in later years, is deeply to be regretted, but does not affect the nature or importance of the principle. Truth and right are not the products of majorities, nor are they intrinsically changed by minorities. That the license traffic in intoxicating drinks is the procuring and responsible cause of the great curse of intemperance, and that its suppression by prohibitory laws is its only certain and effectual antidote, your committee regard as fundamental principles in the temperance reform, cardinal tenets of temperance faith. They must not be abandoned. What though the world is slow to award them practical application, we must cease not to advocate them, and learn to wait with patience until the time comes when they will be applied. What though they be in advance of the age? Is not the age advancing? Reform in all past time has been characterized by the march of the age up to the advanced ground of pioneer principles and truths. By the adoption on the part of men in general, of the opinions and ideas of the few whom they once considered as ultra or crazy. Such is the teaching of the past, such it will be of the future. Such it will be in respect to these great principles of the temperance reformation. But until such time comes, we must not fail to use our utmost endeavors to save the victims of this great evil, and to educate the public mind in the principles by which it is to be eventually extirpated. The moral and religious element of society must be fully directed against the evils, and thus much may be done to remove it.

Resolved, 1st. That we hope for ultimate success in the temper-

ance cause, only by the aid of a stringent "Liquor Law," similar in its provisions to the Maine law.

2d. That while we are reluctantly compelled to abandon the hope of immediate relief from such law, we do think a stringent law might be secured, prohibiting the adulteration of liquor, which would do much good.

3d. That we will, by preaching, lecturing, and all the means in our power, use our utmost endeavors to save our beloved State and people from the dreadful curse of intemperance.

D. A. DRYDEN,
J. W. ROSS,
W. J. MACLAY.

10.—OF CORRESPONDENCE WITH DR. DEMPSTER.

Your committee to whom was referred communications from Rev. Dr. Dempster, with reference to the establishment of a Biblical Institute on this coast, offer the following resolutions:

1st. *Resolved*, That a committee of three, consisting of E. Thomas, A. S. Gibbons, and E. Bannister, be appointed to communicate to Dr. Dempster such facts as they may be able to gain respecting the necessity and practicability of establishing a Biblical Institute on this coast.

2d. *Resolved*, That this Conference, through said committee, cordially invite the Doctor to visit this State, and assure him that we will co-operate with him to the extent of our ability in carrying out such enterprise, should it be found practicable.

11.—ON BIBLE CAUSE.

Your Committee on the Bible Cause have had the matter under consideration, and respectfully report as follows:

During the past year there have been distributed by sale and otherwise, 15,000 Bibles in the State.

There is a growing interest in the circulation and reading of the scriptures here.

Your Committee would heartily recommend to all our ministers a more earnest attention to this very important subject.

The Bible should be in every family—and who can do more to accomplish this great work than the ministers of this Conference?

Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1st. That this Conference regards the American Bible Society as a prime agency, in the hands of the Church, for the conversion of the world.

Resolved, 2d. That this Conference has the fullest confidence in the parent society, and that it renews its pledge of co-operation with the agents of that institution, and its legal auxiliaries, to supply the families of this and other lands, with the word of God.

12.—ON LAY REPRESENTATION.

The committee to whom was referred the subject of Lay Representation, submit the following :

That the interest of our various denominational enterprises would be subserved by the introduction of a lay element into our Annual Conference sessions. We understand the late General Conference to have intimated that such a measure, on the part of the Annual Conferences, prudently conducted, would be regarded with favor. Our elder brethren of Eastern Conferences are moving in this direction. The Oregon Conference has taken a step in this way, and your committee judge that it will be the pleasure of this Conference to associate lay brethren with us in the transaction of such business as pertains to the fiscal, educational, and general temporal affairs of the Conference, therefore,

RESOLVED, That the districts Steward's conventions be requested to elect one of their number, from each district, to attend, as a delegate, the next session of our Conference.

RESOLVED, That said Stewards, so elected, shall have seats in our sessions, and participate in all Conference deliberations, relating to the subjects above named ; shall be allowed to vote on such subjects, and shall be associated with the Conference Stewards in the transaction of their business.

13.—MEMOIR.

Elijah Merchant was born of christian parents, in Augusta county, Va., in 1827 ; was created anew in Christ Jesus in 1847 ; experienced the blessing of perfect love in 1849 ; was licensed both to exhort and to preach in 1849 ; received into the Baltimore Conference on probation, and appointed to Front Royal Circuit in 1850 ; appointed to Rockingham Circuit in 1851 ; transferred to the California Conference in March of 1852 ; appointed the first year to Plumas Circuit, the second to Sonora and Columbia, the third to Sacramento City, the fourth and fifth to the agency of

the California Christian Advocate, the sixth to Los Angeles, where he fell asleep in October of last year, leaving a youthful wife and an infant son, that never heard its father's voice, behind him. He was studious, eminently methodical, an urbane gentlemen, a devout christian, an instructive preacher, a tireless worker, a brave reformer, a faithful friend, and accomplished more in seven brief years than a less earnest man would do in seven times seven. He being dead, yet speaketh.

RESOLUTIONS.

1.

RESOLVED, That the minister or ministers stationed at the place of the session of the Conference, will not be expected to provide for any but members of the Conference, probationers, local preachers having charge, local preachers to be ordained, and those having special business with the Conference.

2.

1st. RESOLVED, That it is the judgment of this Conference that all local preachers, and local deacons, applying for ordination, ought to appear before a committee, and pass an examination on the course of theological reading.

2d. RESOLVED, That the above be published in the minutes, and that the attention of all applicants for ordination be directed to it.

3d. RESOLVED, That we respectfully request the Chair, at the present session, to appoint a committee of examination of local preachers.

3.

RESOLVED, That hereafter, no text-books or notes shall be used by the examining committees in the examination of candidates.

4.

RESOLVED, That this Conference have a high appreciation of the labors of our beloved President, Rev. L. Scott, D. D., during his present visit to the Pacific coast. That his extensive travels for the careful supervision of the work, and his wise administration, have enhanced our estimate of the General Superintendency of our Church, as represented by him.

RESOLVED, That the Episcopal Board has our sincere and grateful consideration for so arranging their work the current year, as to give one of their number nearly six months to this coast.

RESOLVED, That such evidence of continued care for this portion of the work as is evinced by our Bishops, commends to our approval, the Economy of the M. E. Church, and those who are

charged with its administration; and that Bishop Scott be, and he is hereby requested to bear to his colleagues, assurances of our undiminished confidence and dutiful regards.

RESOLVED, That the fraternal bonds by which we are held in the unity of Episcopal Methodism, are cherished with growing interest and affection, and that we entertain for the whole Connection, in its integrity, and for our Economy as it is, unabated and unchanging devotion; and that we are happy to extend to our Atlantic brethren renewed pledges of consecration to "Christianity in earnest," and of our fellowship with them in the labor of "spreading Scriptural holiness over these lands."

5.

RESOLVED, That a committee of five members of this Conference be appointed by the Bishop to communicate to the General Missionary Committee, (through our representative, J. D. Blain,) any facts in relation to the Chinese, Indian, and Spanish population, of California, which would enable them to judge of the expediency of establishing missions among them.

6.

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this Conference be and are hereby tendered to the citizens of Sacramento, for the generous and hospitable manner in which they have entertained its members.

7.

RESOLVED, That in all cases where the Pastor is notified by the agent that he will not visit his charge, the collection for the University of the Pacific shall be taken by the Pastor, at such time as he may deem most appropriate.

8.

RESOLVED, That hereafter, in the passage of character in this Conference, the presiding Bishop be requested to enquire with reference to every preacher in charge of a circuit or station, whether he has taken the regular disciplinary collections.

9.

WHEREAS, Many members are lost to the church by removals; therefore,

RESOLVED, That the members of the California Conference agree to procure blank certificates, and when an application is made for a certificate, the Pastor shall fill duplicate copies, and give one to the member, and forward the other to the Pastor living nearest to the expected location of such member.

10.

RESOLVED, That in the sense of this Conference, the habit of using tobacco is both unministerial and filthy.

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Common English,	Wm. S. Turner.
Composition,	Referred to Com.

SECOND YEAR.

The Bible Sacraments,	H. C. Benson.
Systematic Divinity,	J. D. Blain.
Church Government,	J. Daniel.
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THIRD YEAR.

The Bible History & Chronology,	D. A. Dryden.
Systematic Divinity,	P. G. Buchanan.
History, &c.,	D. Deal.
Composition,	Referred to Com.

FOURTH YEAR.

Review of whole course,	J. T. Peck.
Systematic Divinity,	W. Willmot.
Preaching and Biblical Criticism,	G. S. Phillips.
Composition,	Referred to Com.

TO EXAMINE LOCAL PREACHERS FOR DEACON'S ORDERS.

I. B. Fish, H. J. Bland.

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S. D. Simonds,	May,	1835	John W. Ross,	Sept.	1848
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John Maclay,	Mar.	1842	W. J. Macaly,	Mar.	1851
J. D. Blain,	April,	1842	J. McH. Caldwell,	May,	1851
H. C. Benson,	Oct.	1842	James Rogers,	Aug.	1851
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Wm. Hulburt,	Sept.	1843	J. Pettit,	Feb.	1853
J. R. Tansey,	Oct.	1843	P. Y. Cool,	Feb.	1854
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M. C. Briggs,	June,	1845	J. J. Cleaveland,	Feb.	1854
R. R. Dunlap,	Sept.	1845	G. H. Bollinger,	Sept.	1854
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R. B. Stratton,	Sept.	1846	C. V. Anthony,	May,	1855
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Thomas Cayton,
W. Grove Deal,
Chas. D. Cushman,
W. N. Smith,
Benj. F. Myers,
Randall Hobart.

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